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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - US/UK AVIATION TALKS

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1. ROGERS, UNDERSECRETARY DEPT. OF TRADE, WILL LEAD UKDEL AT BILATERAL AVIATION TALKS. HE PLANS TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON FEB. 233 AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR TALKS FEB. 24 AND AS LONG AS NEEDED DURING REMAINDER OF WEEK.

2. BRITISH HAVE NOT GIVEN US LIST OF ITEMS THEY MAY WISH TO RAISE DURING TALKS BUT THEY HAVE INDICATED IN PRELIMINARY WAY THAT THEY WILL PROBABLY WANT TO RAISE CONCORDE ISSUE IF COLEMAN DECISION FEB. 4 DOES NOT GIVE FULL APPROVAL OF CONCORDE APPLICATION. THEY ALSO WILL WANT TO RAISE QUESTION OF AIRLINE CAPACITY ARRANGEMENTS IF, BY DATE OF TALKS, CAB HAS NOT YET AUTHORIZED CONTINUATION OF CAPACITY AGREEMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL SERVICES.

3. FOR OUR PART, WE WERE PLEASED TO SEE (STATE 17539) THAT USG INTENDS TO RAISE SEABOARD ROUTING PROBLEM. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT DEPT. OF TRADE HANDLING THIS MATTER IS REPEHENSIBLE AND THAT USG SHOULD CONTINUE TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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KEEP ISSUE ALIVE. IN THIS CONNECTION, DEPT. OF TRADE

(KEMMIS) HAS WRITTEN TO SEABOARD DEMANDING EXPLANATION OF ENTRY IN ODFICIAL AIRLINE GUIDE WHICH WOULD APPEAR TO INDICATE CARRIER OPERATING NEW YORK-LONDON-PISA-NEW YORK ROUTING IN COLTRAVENTION OF ITS REVISED PERMIT. COPY OF LETTER POUCHED EB/OA.

4. WE WOULD SUQQUEST THAT AT LEAST WEEK BEFORE TALKS COMMENCE WE BE ADVISED ISSUES USG WANTS TO DISCUSS SO WE CAN INFORM UK SIDE IN WRITING.

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